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EXPERTS

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 92

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1. BIO INFORMATION ON NEW SOVIET PNE DELEGATION EXPERTS:

(A) SIMONENKO, VLADIMIR ALEKSANDROVICH, DR.

HEIGHT: 5'6"; WEIGHT: 150; AGE: NOT KNOWN, BUT

APPEARS ABOUT 30-35; HAIR: BROWN; EYES: PERHAPS BROWN:

WEARS HORN-RIMMED, RELATIVELY THICK GLASSES. HAS A NEARLY-
CONTINUOUS SMILE. DR. SIMONENKO WAS INTRODUCED AS A MEMBER
OF DR. BEZUMOV'S TECHNOLOGICAL SECTION IN THE STATE COM-
MITTEE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY. HE APPEARS
TO BE A THEORIST. HE DEVELOPED THE SOVIET CURVES ASSOCIATED
WITH PLACEMENT OF YIELD MEASURING EQUIPMENT AND STAND-OFF
DISTANCE BETWEEN SLIFER AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICE CANISTER.

(B) VOLKOV, LEONID PAVLOVICH, DR.

HEIGHT: 5'9" WEIGHT: 175; AGE: APPEARS TO BE

MID-40S; HAIR: BLACK, BEGINNING TO GREY; EYES: DARK.

DR. VOLKOV EXHIBITED AN EXCELLENT UNDERSTANDING OF
CLOSE-IN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION PHENOMENOLOGY, GROUND SHOCK

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TRANSMISSION, AND METHODS OF CALCULATION AS WELL AS

MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES. HE HAS APPARENTLY HAD CONSIDER-
ABLE EXPERIENCE IN NUCLEAR TESTING. HE WAS ABLE TO
SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY ON SUBJECTS RELATED TO INSTRUMENTA-
TION AND FIELDING OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.
ONE OF THE FEW SOVIET INVOLVED IN PNE TALKS WHO WOULD
MAKE A DECISION WITHOUT CHECKING WITH MINISTER MOROKHOV.
APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH.

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